

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO INFORMATION CENTERS ALONG STATE AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AMENDING SECTION 40-507, IDAHO CODE, TO ALLOW FOR POSTERS AND SIGNS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE FOR CONTENTS OF THE POSTERS AND SIGNS AND TO DEFINE TERMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 40-507, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

40-507. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION CENTERS. (1) The department may design, erect, authorize, supervise and maintain information centers at safety rest areas in a number and at locations as it may determine to be necessary to meet the need of safety and effectively provide information of specific interest to the traveling public.

(2) Outdoor advertising placed within information centers shall be subject to all provisions of this title and all regulations promulgated by the board pursuant to the provisions of this title.

(3) Application for a permit to place outdoor advertising within an information center shall be made on a form prescribed by the department, and all permits shall be issued for a period of at least one (1) year. The department shall charge or authorize fees for the permit and for renewal sufficient to amortize the cost of the structure within an information center upon which the outdoor advertising is placed within the expected life of the structure, and sufficient to pay for the maintenance of the structure.

(4) The department will allow posters and signs to be placed by nonprofit anti-human trafficking organizations in or around safety rest areas. The posters and signs must be at least eight and one-half by eleven inches (8 1/2" x 11") in size, must be mounted as tamper and vandalism resistant, and must contain toll-free telephone numbers and/or emergency contact numbers for victims of human trafficking, including the number for the "National Human Trafficking Resource Center" and the number for the Idaho state office of crime victims advocacy. The posters and signs may include text in a variety of languages. The posters and signs will be covered by a permit if the safety rest area or turnout is part of the highway right-of-way. Posters and signs containing the aforementioned contact numbers shall have all costs for the sign, installation, and/or maintenance provided by the aforementioned nonprofit anti-human trafficking organization(s). Temporary installation permits can include a memorandum of understanding (MOU), and encroachment permit, or a special event permit. The cost of poster and sign installment and maintenance shall be covered in the permit or MOU normally at the expense of the requestor.

(5) As used in subsection (4) of this section:

1 (a) "Emergency contact numbers" means a hotline that is: available
2 twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week; toll-free; operated
3 by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization; anonymous and confi-
4 dential; and able to provide help, referral to services, training and
5 general information;

6 (b) "Human trafficking" means the illegal movement of people, typi-
7 cally for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploita-
8 tion;

9 (c) "Safety rest area" means a roadside area with restrooms and other
10 facilities for the use of motorists.

11 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefore, which emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
13 passage and approval.